

Splits	Overlays
<p data-bbox="237 373 646 405">General Attributes of Splits</p> <ul data-bbox="285 527 951 1728" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="285 527 951 636">• Splits provide a single area code for each geographic area. Future splits will reduce the geographic size of the area code. <li data-bbox="285 1052 951 1318">• Splits require an area code change for approximately one half of customer's numbers in a two way split and two thirds of customer's numbers in a three way split. Stationery, business cards and advertising will need to be revised by customers receiving the new area code. <li data-bbox="285 1430 951 1507">• Geographic splits permit 7-digit for local calls within an area code. <li data-bbox="285 1619 951 1728">• Geographic splits would increase the amount of 11-digit dialing within western Massachusetts. 	<p data-bbox="992 300 1446 331">General Attributes of Overlays</p> <ul data-bbox="1040 447 1544 1850" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1040 447 1544 674">• With an overlay there will be multiple area codes for each geographic area and it will end further shrinking of the geographic size of the area code <li data-bbox="1040 678 1544 947">• . Subsequent relief will likely be another overlay. Overlays avoid the need for public and political involvement concerning split boundaries and which side should retain the old area code. <li data-bbox="1040 1056 1544 1325">• An overlay will not require existing customers to change their area code. There is no need to revise stationery, business cards and advertising unless they contain only seven digit phone numbers. <li data-bbox="1040 1587 1544 1780">• In the absence of a waiver, an overlay will require customers to dial 10 Digits or 1 + 10 digits for all calls within the geographic area. <li data-bbox="1040 1812 1544 1850">• Given the DTE's recent relief

	order, an overlay would provide consistent dialing statewide.
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